



ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY POETRY CONTEST

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1. Free Verse Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Free Verse
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

2. Formal Verse Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Any set form: (Identify the form at the top of the page)
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

3. Traditional Haiku (5-7-5) Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Traditional 5-7-5 haiku
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

4. Modern Haiku Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Modern haiku
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

5. ISPS Board Award

Sponsored by ISPS Board of Directors and Donna Pucciani

- SUBJECT: Borders & Boundaries
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$55, \$35, \$20

6. Peace Prize Award

Sponsored by Mary Jo Balistreri, Caroline Johnson, Wilda Morris

- Subject: Peace
- Form: Any
- Prizes \$75, \$50, \$25

7. Highland Park Poetry Award

Sponsored by Highland Park Poetry

- Subject: Any
- Form: Luc Bat
- Prizes \$75, \$50, \$25

8. Poetry Pilgrims Award

Sponsored by Poetry Pilgrims Online Group

- SUBJECT: Love
- FORM: Free Verse. Must include at least one simile and one metaphor
- LINE LIMIT: 11
- Prizes \$40, \$20, \$10

9. Kathy Cotton Appreciation Award

(To thank her for all she does for the Southern Chapter, ISPS, and NFSPS)

Sponsored by Jim Lambert

- SUBJECT: Funny punny poetry with at least one internal rhyme
- FORM: Any
- LINE LIMIT: 12
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$20

10. Southern Chapter Award

Sponsored by ISPS Southern Chapter, Carbondale

- SUBJECT: Shadows
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

11. Ida Kotyuk Award

Sponsored by Ida Kotyuk

- SUBJECT: Madness
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$75, \$50, \$25

12. All About Animals Poetry Award

Sponsored by Barbara Robinette

- SUBJECT: Animals
- FORM: Free Verse
- LINE LIMIT: Minimum 8; maximum 13
- PRIZES: \$40, \$20, \$15

13. Giving Voice Award

In honor of the Kalmus Podrobnik Family
Sponsored by Emma Alexandra Kowalenko

- SUBJECT: Giving Voice
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$75, \$50, \$25

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Eligibility.** Contest is open to anyone.
2. **Unpublished.** Poems must be the original work of the contestant, unpublished in print or electronically.
3. **Previous Awards.** Poems which have won monetary awards are ineligible.
4. **Poem format**
 - Must be in English, typed or computer-generated in 12 or 14 point; no fancy fonts or illustrations.
 - 40-line limit, unless specified.

- One single-spaced poem per page on 8.5" x 11" white paper (no onion skin), black ink.

5. Titles.

Except haiku, title all poems.

6. Awards.

No poet can win two awards in the same category.

7. Submit two copies of each poem:

Originals. In the upper left-hand corner include:

- Category number and contest name.
- Your ID (name, address, e-mail, phone number).
- The word "MEMBER" if you have current membership in ISPS.

Duplicate Copies. In the upper left-hand corner include:

- Category number and contest name ONLY; no personal I.D.

Two Stacks. Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order with originals on top.

8. Entry Fees

- ISPS MEMBERS: \$8 for up to 8 poems, \$1 each additional poem.
- NON-ISPS MEMBERS, \$10, up to 8 poems, \$1 each additional poem.

9. Checks payable to:

Illinois State Poetry Society

10. Mail all submissions and check to:

ISPS Contest % Jim Lambert
300 Twin Lakes Road
Carterville, IL 62918

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Entries must be postmarked between **September 1 and November 1, 2018.**

WINNERS' LIST

Winners of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and three honorable mention awards in each category will be listed on our website:

www.illinoispoets.org

To receive a list of winners by mail, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission.